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**Art Unit 2838**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/517,820; Filed: December 14, 2004  
For: **Charging Equipment for Secondary Battery**  
Inventors: TAKAOKA *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0666.2380000/TGD/AFK

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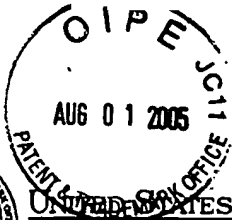
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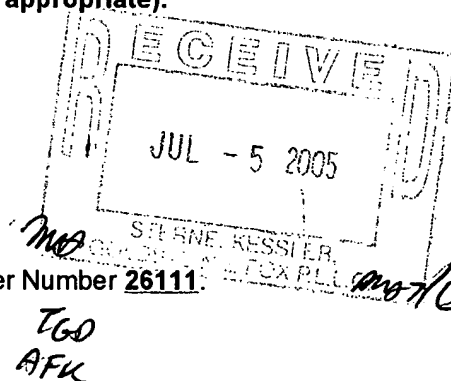
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